

# Banking On Mother Nature

## *GeoExchange Helps Alpine Bank Provide A Warm Reception at Their Grand Opening in Montrose*

DMEA is pleased to congratulate Alpine Bank for the successful Grand Opening of their Montrose Branch in mid-December of this past year. Hundreds of people dropped by and experienced the warm, friendly reception provided by Vice-President Mike Burns and others of Alpine Bank's staff.

The bank's GeoExchange system was instrumental in keeping guests comfortable during the Grand Opening. Though gray, cold, and snowy outside it was warm and cozy inside Alpine Bank through the use of the earth-friendly technology.

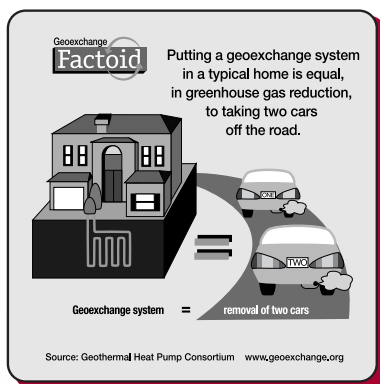
Alpine Bank's Montrose building, designed by Dean K. Moffat of SunDesigns Architects, is a truly elegant building. It's located on the corner of Townsend & Alpine Drive (2770 Alpine Drive) next to Sonic Burger and across from City Market. At night it's truly a landmark, radiating a soft, emerald green glow from its skylights. In addition to green hues, the building is "green" in terms of sustainable development.

GeoExchange technology, now providing occupants heating and comfort and which will provide air-conditioning in the summer, is the most energy-efficient, environmentally beneficial technology available for commercial buildings, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

As the graphic illustration made available by the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium explains, putting a GeoExchange system in a typical home has the environmental benefit equivalent to taking two cars off the road. As a commercial building substantially larger than a residence, the environ-

mental benefit of the GeoExchange system in Alpine Bank's Montrose building is more significant, equivalent to the green house gas reduction of taking six cars off the road.

Congratulations again to Alpine Bank for their leadership in energy efficient, sustainable construction, and as a leading financial institution, showing that a GeoExchange system is a sound investment.



*Ron Ebenkamp (left), Marketing Coordinator for Tri-State Generation & Transmission, DMEA's power supplier, presents Mike Burns (center), Vice-President of Alpine Bank in Montrose, a check for \$2,250 as part of Tri-State's rebate program which provides additional incentive for the utilization of energy efficient technologies.*

*Also congratulating Alpine Bank for its leadership in energy efficiency and sustainable design are Ken Norris (second from right) of DMEA's Board of Directors, Dean Moffat (second from left), SunDesigns Architects, building designer, and Linda Smith, Program Manager of "Rebuild Colorado" in the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation.*

